

EXHIBIT B

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

LIDDIE MAE MURPHY,

Plaintiff,

- against -

ANDREW COLLEGE,

Defendant.

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CV 04 - 7717 (KMK)

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

The defendant Andrew College (the "College"), by its attorneys, Herrick, Feinstein LLP, respectfully seeks the removal of this civil action and states as follows:

1. In this Notice of Removal, the College exercises its right under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1441 *et. seq.*, to remove this action from the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, to this Court.

2. Plaintiff Liddie Mae Murphy, (the "Plaintiff") commenced this action in New York State Supreme Court, County of New York, by serving a Summons and Complaint upon the College on or about September 13, 2004. The Summons and Complaint constitute all of the processes, pleadings and orders in this matter thus far. Pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1446, Andrew attaches as Exhibit A hereto a copy of the Summons and Complaint in this action.

3. This Court has original jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332 because there is diversity of citizenship between the Plaintiff and the College, and the matter in controversy exceeds the sum of \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs.

4. Specifically, at the time of the filing of this Notice of Removal, upon information and belief, the Plaintiff was and is a resident of the County of New York, in the State

of New York. The College is a not-for-profit educational institution organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia with its principal place of business in Cuthbert, Georgia.

5. The College's time to answer or move with respect to the Complaint has not yet expired.

6. Written notice of the filing of this Notice of Removal will be given to the Plaintiff as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446.

7. A true copy of this Notice of Removal will be filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446.

8. By filing this Notice of Removal, the College does not waive any defense based upon lack of personal jurisdiction or improper venue or any other defense.

WHEREFORE, defendant Andrew College respectfully requests that this action be removed to this Court and that this action be placed on the docket of this Court for further proceedings.

Dated: New York, New York
September 29, 2004

HERRICK, FEINSTEIN LLP

By: 

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**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK**

Filed: _____

LIDDIE MAE MURPHY,

Plaintiff,

-against-

Index No.
Plaintiff designates New York
County as the place of trial.

The basis of the venue: place of
occurrence is New York

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SUMMONS

ANDREW COLLEGE,

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**NEW YORK
COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
Defendant.**

Plaintiff resides at:
45 West 84th Street
New York, NY 10024
County of NY

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) **CHARLES M. MIROTZNIK**, within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

DATED: New York, New York
July 1, 2004

Yours, etc.,

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DEFENDANT'S ADDRESS:

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Cuthbert, GA 39840
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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK

LIDDIE MAE MURPHY,

X

Index No.:

Plaintiff,

-against-

**VERIFIED
COMPLAINT**

ANDREW COLLEGE,

Defendant.

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Plaintiff, by her attorney, CHARLES M. MIROTZNIK, ESQ., complaining of the Defendant, sets forth and alleges as follows:

1. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, Plaintiff was and still is a resident of the County of New York, State of New York.
2. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, Plaintiff was and still is a resident, occupant and owner of residence located at 45 West 84th Street, New York, New York 10024.
3. That Plaintiff is ninety (90) years old, having been born on June 2, 1914.
4. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, Defendant ANDREW COLLEGE was and still is a not-for-profit corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Georgia.
5. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, Defendant ANDREW COLLEGE maintains its principal place of business in the State of Georgia, at 413 College Street, Cuthbert, Georgia 39840.
6. That Plaintiff is an alumna of Defendant ANDREW COLLEGE.

**FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION ON BEHALF OF
PLAINTIFF LIDDIE MAE MURPHY**

7. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs of this

complaint marked and numbered "1" through "6" with the same force and effect as if fully herein.

8. That on or about December 14, 1967, Plaintiff purchased her residence located at 45 West 84th Street, New York, NY 10024 (Borough Manhattan, Section 4, Block 1198, Lot 108) ("the residence") from ABLAB CORP.; which deed was recorded on December 14, 1967 in Liber 253 at Page 402 in the Office of the City Register of the County of New York.

9. That on or about March 23, 1990, Plaintiff allegedly signed a Bargain and Sale Deed (the "deed," or "deed of conveyance") for her residence, which deed allegedly reserves a life estate to Plaintiff with the remainder interest to Defendant ANDREW COLLEGE.

10. That upon information and belief, no consideration was received by Plaintiff from Defendant ANDREW COLLEGE in exchange for the remainder interest Defendant ANDREW COLLEGE allegedly received in the deed.

11. That the deed states that the transfer of the remainder interest in Plaintiff's residence to Defendant ANDREW COLLEGE was made "for the affection and esteem she holds for Andrew College."

12. That the deed also states that "It is the intention of the first party [Plaintiff] to retain a life estate in and to the above described property and to occupy the same during her lifetime, with the entire fee estate vesting in the second party upon the death of the first party."

13. The quoted language in the allegation set forth in paragraph of this complaint marked and numbered "12" constitutes a testamentary devise and the transfer of the remainder interest in Plaintiff's residence to Defendant ANDREW COLLEGE was not executed with the testamentary formalities required by the State of New York; that as a result, the deed of conveyance fails to pass a fee interest to Defendant ANDREW COLLEGE and is therefore invalid.

14. That as a result of the foregoing, this Court should vacate and set aside the deed of conveyance, which alleged transferred the residence from Plaintiff to Defendant, recorded on March 11, 1992 in Liber 253 at Page 12 in the Office of The City Register of the County of New York.

**AS AND FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION SEEKING A
DECLARATORY JUDGEMENT ON THE VALIDITY OF THE DEED OF
CONVEYANCE**

15. That Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs of this complaint marked and numbered "1" through "14" with the same force and effect as though the same were set forth here at length.

16. That based circumstances of this case, this Court should issue a declaratory judgment by this Court to determine the invalidity of the deed of conveyance and any related executed documentation and/or agreements.

**AS AND FOR A THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION
IN FAVOR OF PLAINTIFF LIDDIE MAE MURPHY**

17. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs of this complaint marked and numbered "1" through "16" with the same force and effect as if fully herein.

18. That on or about March 23, 1990, Plaintiff and Defendant ANDREW COLLEGE allegedly signed and executed a Remainder Interest Charitable Contribution Agreement (the "Agreement") which stipulates the agreements and understandings with respect to the ownership of Plaintiff's and Defendant ANDREW COLLEGE's respective interests in the residence.

19. That no consideration was offered to or received by Plaintiff from Defendant ANDREW COLLEGE in exchange for the alleged rights granted to Defendant in the Agreement.

20. That since the deed of conveyance is invalid, Plaintiff has not transferred any interest

in the residence to Defendant ANDREW COLLEGE and therefore the Agreement is invalid.

21. That as a result of the foregoing, this Court should revoke and rescind the Agreement and restore the Plaintiff to her position prior to the conveyance.

AS AND FOR A FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION
IN FAVOR OF PLAINTIFF LIDDIE MAE MURPHY

22. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs of this complaint marked and numbered "1" through "21" with the same force and effect as though the same were set forth here at length.

23. That on or about March 23, 1990, the day Plaintiff signed both the deed of conveyance and the Agreement, Plaintiff had no intention to convey an irrevocable inter vivos gift to Defendant ANDREW COLLEGE.

24. That on or about March 23, 1990, Plaintiff believed that the deed of conveyance was revocable; that Plaintiff would not have signed the deed of conveyance had she understood at the time that the deed was irrevocable; that Plaintiff would likewise not have signed the Agreement had she understood at that time that the deed was irrevocable and that the Agreement could not be terminated by her at any time

25. That Plaintiff was improperly and inadequately counseled and had no requisite donative intent to relinquish full control of her residence, which comprised the bulk of her assets, to the Defendant.

26. That the totality of circumstances of this case are rife with fraud, undue influence, overreaching, inadequate counsel, and conflict of interests perpetrated by the Defendant, their agents, servants and employees, and which are all part and parcel of an ongoing conspiracy to defalcate Plaintiff's residence and major asset from her; that as a result of several

years of knowing the Plaintiff, Defendant took advantage of Plaintiff's advanced age, lack of business savvy, vulnerability, loneliness and the "affection and esteem" Plaintiff had towards Defendant to fraudulently induce Plaintiff into transferring her residence and major asset over to Defendant.

27. That Defendant ANDREW COLLEGE acted in bad faith and its conduct shocks the conscience because they knew or should have known that Plaintiff did not fully understand the terms of the deed of conveyance, nor the terms of the Agreement, nor the circumstances surrounding the transfer when she allegedly signed the deed and the Agreement.

28. That if the deed of conveyance between the parties is not vacated and set aside, the Defendant will become unjustly enriched; that the continued course of conduct of the defendant is unconscionable and in the interests of justice, equity and fairness, the deed must be vacated and set aside and the Agreement declared null and void.

29. That Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

AS AND FOR A FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION
IN FAVOR OF PLAINTIFF LIDDE MAE MURPHY

30. That Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs of this complaint marked and numbered "1" through "29" with the same force and effect as though the same were set forth here at length.

31. That as a result of several years of knowing the Defendant, there developed between the parties a calculated friendship that resulted in trust and reliance; that Defendant knew that Plaintiff would rely in Defendant's recommendations to her concerning the transfer of her residence; Defendant took advantage of Plaintiff's age and loneliness and exercised undue influence in inducing Plaintiff into transferring deed to her residence over to Defendant.

32. That if the deed of conveyance between the parties is not vacated and set aside, the defendants will become unjustly enriched; that the conduct of the Defendant is unconscionable and in the interest of justice, equity and fairness, the deed should be vacated and set aside and the Agreement declared null and void.

**AS AND FOR A SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION TO IMPOSE
A CONSTRUCTIVE TRUST UPON PLAINTIFF'S RESIDENCE**

33. That Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs of this complaint marked and numbered "1" through "32" with the same force and effect as though the same were set forth here at length.

34. That Defendant obtained the residence from Plaintiff by fraud; that Defendant ANDREW COLLEGE made oral representations to Plaintiff assuring her that the deed was revocable; that Plaintiff reasonably relied on the oral representations made by Defendant when she signed the deed of conveyance; that if Defendant is allowed to keep the deed to her residence, Defendant will be unjustly enriched.

35. That as a result of the foregoing, this Court should impose a constructive trust on Plaintiff's residence in favor of the Plaintiff.

AS AND FOR A SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

36. That Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs of this complaint marked and numbered "1" through "35" with the same force and effect as though the same were set forth here at length.

37. That based on the aforementioned fraudulent actions of Defendants, Plaintiffs should be awarded punitive damages in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 and reasonable counsel fees to be determined by the court.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendant as follows:

- (A) On the first cause of action, Plaintiff demands judgment by this Court vacating and setting aside the deed of conveyance, which allegedly transferred the residence from Liddie Mae Murphy to Defendant ANDREW COLLEGE, recorded on March 11, 1992 in Liber 253 at Page 12 in the Office of The City Register of the County of New York;
- (B) On the second cause of action, Plaintiff demands this Court issue a declaratory judgment declaring the deed of conveyance to be invalid;
- (C) On the third cause of action, Plaintiff demands this Court rescind the Agreement and restore the Plaintiff to her position prior to the conveyance;
- (D) On the fourth cause of action, Plaintiff demands judgment by this Court to vacate a and set aside the deed of conveyance and rescind the Agreement;
- (E) On the fifth cause of action, Plaintiff demands judgment by this Court to vacate a and set aside the deed of conveyance and rescind the Agreement;
- (F) On the sixth cause of action, Plaintiff demands judgment by this Court to impose a constructive trust on Plaintiff's residence in favor of the Plaintiff;
- (G) On the seventh cause of action, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00;
- (H) Reasonable counsel fees together with the costs and disbursements of this action; and
- (I) For such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York
July 1, 2004

Yours, etc.,



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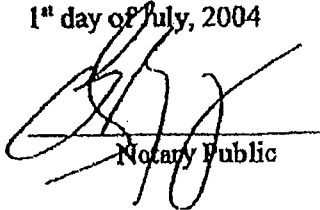
INDIVIDUAL VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

LIDDIE MAE MURPHY, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that deponent is the plaintiff in the within action; that deponent has read the foregoing Summons and Verified Complaint and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true to deponent's own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and that as to those matters deponent believes it to be true.


LIDDIE MAE MURPHY

Sworn to before me this
1st day of July, 2004

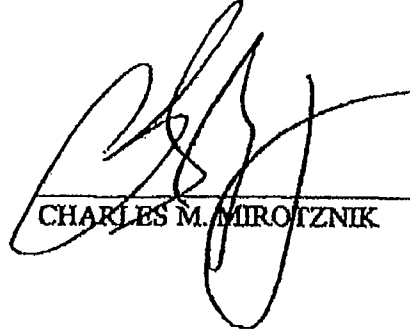

Notary Public

CHARLES M. MIROTZNIK
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 31-4986417
Qualified in New York County
Comm. exp. 12/2006

ATTORNEY CERTIFICATION

I, CHARLES M. MIROTZNIK, ESQ., HEREBY CERTIFY, pursuant to 22 NYCRR 130-1.1-a, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, formed after an inquiry reasonable under the circumstances, the presentation of the within complaint and the contentions therein are not frivolous, as the term is defined in Part 130.

Dated: July 1st, 2004



CHARLES M. MIROTZNIK

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TO:

Attorney for Defendant

Attorney(s) for Defendant(s)

Service of a copy of the within

is hereby admitted.

Dated,

Attorney(s) for

Sir:-Please take notice

/ / Notice of Entry

that the within is a (certified) true copy of a
court on , 2004 .

duly entered in the office of the clerk of the within

/ / Notice of Settlement

that an order of which the within is a true copy will be presented for settlement to the HON.
one of the judges of the within name court, at
on , 2004 at M.

Dated: July 1, 2004

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Yourt, etc

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